



Promoting Early Childhood Virtual Conference

April 14-15, 2021

<https://dpi.wi.gov/early-childhood/pec-conference>

Agenda at a Glance: Conference Materials

**Note-materials are posted with presenter permission, not all sessions have materials.*

Time	Wednesday, April 14, 2021
9:00-9:30	Conference Orientation: Welcome and Opening Sherry W. Kimball, DPI Early Childhood Consultant Tabatha Rosproy, Council of Chief State School Officers 2020 National Teacher of the Year Session Materials: Welcome
9:30-11:00	Keynote: Appreciating the Deep and Simple Moments in Early Childhood Dana Winters, Ph. D., Faculty and Academic Director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College, and co-creator of the Simple Interactions Approach Session Materials: Appreciating the Deep and Simple Moments of Early Childhood
11:15-12:30	The Power of Simple Interactions: Understanding and Promoting Everyday Human Interactions Dana Winters, Ph. D. Session Materials: The Power of Simple Interactions
Breakout Sessions	Nature to Nurture Resilience Becca Lewis-Clifton, Early Childhood Coordinator/PST/Head Start Coach

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11:15-12:30 Breakout Sessions	High Quality Instruction in Early Childhood that Addresses the Needs of All Children <i>Michelle Ogorek, Statewide Early Childhood Coordinator</i> <i>Jess Nichols, Equitable MLSS Coordinator</i>
	Evolving Together Towards Equity: An eCourse for Everyone <i>Christina Thuli, Title I Equity Education Consultant</i> <i>Joseph Kanke, Statewide Coaching Coordinator</i> Session Materials: Evolving Together
	FLIP IT! <i>Karen Brunk, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher</i> <i>Cindy Prendergast, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher</i> Session Materials: FLIP IT! Full FLIP-IT trainings are available, please contact presenters.
	Preschool Development Grant and Ready4K Text Curriculum <i>Andrea Cammilleri, PDG Strategic Initiatives Advisor</i> <i>Melissa Brockie, Director of Family Services</i> <i>Rebecca Honig, Director of Content, Ready4K</i> https://wi.ready4k.com/ Session Materials: Ready4K Flyers (English, Spanish and Arabic)

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	Trauma Informed Practices: Fostering a Child's Resilience Through Proactive Approaches <i>Sara Jane Lee, Inclusion Support Teacher, 4K Coordinator, NVCI Coordinator and Nurtured Heart Approach Trainer</i> Session Materials: Trauma Informed Practices
	A Partner in Supporting Families: Get to know the SE Regional Center for CYSHCN <i>Meg Steimle, CYSHCN Program Manager</i> <i>Brad Holman, CYSHCN Project Manager</i>
1:45-3:00 Breakout Sessions	Setting the Stage for Relationships Through Play <i>Andrea Lorenz, 4K Teacher</i> <i>Nicole Zeroth, 4K Teacher</i>
	Teaching off Trail <i>Peter Dargatz, Nature Kindergarten Teacher</i>
	Moving to Quality Inclusive Practices <i>Danielle Bentley, Speech and Language Therapist</i> <i>Michelle Ogorek, Statewide Early Childhood Coordinator</i> <i>Nicole Aldworth, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher</i>
	The Power of Praise <i>Angela Kaiser, Director, The University Preschool, Academic Staff UW-River Falls</i> Session Materials: The Power of Praise
	GOAL: Expert Learners! Universal Design for Early Learning <i>Cathy Daentl, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher/UDL Grant Coordinator</i> <i>Sue Erickson, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher/UDL Grant Coordinator</i>

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1:45-3:00 Breakout Sessions	Building the Community Online Ages and Stages Questionnaire System (COAS) in Brown County <i>Ann McCotter, Achieve Brown County</i> <i>Colleen Peebles, Manager of Pediatrics</i> <i>Christina Courtney, Birth to 3 Supervisor</i> <i>Missy Schmeling, Executive Director, Encompass</i>

The [Wisconsin Division for Early Childhood \(WDEC\)](#), a state-subdivision of the national Division for Early Childhood ([DEC](#)), has a mission to support individuals who work with children with special needs, birth through age eight, and their families. We promote the work of DEC locally in Wisconsin, such as promoting policies and advancing evidence-based practices that support families and enhance the optimal development of young children who have or are at risk for developmental delays and disabilities.



Time	Thursday, April 15, 2021
9:00-9:30	Welcome, WDEC Above and Beyond Awards and Opening Jennifer Kalis, WDEC President Sheila J. Briggs, Assistant State Superintendent, WI Department of Public Instruction Session Materials: Promoting Early Childhood-Day 2
9:30-11:00	Keynote: The Key Ingredient: Intentional Interactions Amanda Morgan, MS, Writer, Speaker, Consultant, and Creator of Not Just Cute
11:15-12:30 Breakout Sessions	Not Just Cute: Teaching with Intention Amanda Morgan, MS
	Creating and Sustaining Relationships with Your Students and Families through an Equitable Lens Sandy Miller, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher Nicole Aldworth, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher
	Good Intentions, Poor Decisions. The choices we make when selecting Children's Literature Karen Russell, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher Janet Budney, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher Wendi Schreiter, Early Childhood Program Support Teacher Session Materials: Good Intentions
	Building Reflective and Supportive Communities that Promote Mental Health in Young Children Jenny Durand, Pyramid Model Regional Lead - South and Professional Coordinator Tina Ruchdashel, Pyramid Model Regional Lead - Northeast Becky Buck, Pyramid Model Regional Lead - West

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11:15-12:30 Breakout Sessions	Understanding Biases and Working with People in Challenging Situations <i>Ron Mohl, Lead Educational Presenter, Lakeshore Learning</i>
	What's in Your Social Emotional Toolbox? Promoting Strong Social Emotional Skills for Our Youngest Learners <i>Michelle Powell, 4K Teacher</i> <i>Jennifer Kalis, Early Childhood/4K Program Support Coordinator</i> <i>Elementary PBIS Coach</i>
	Creating the Climate for Learning <i>Terryl Wheelock, Project Coordinator, 4C for Children</i>
	Connect, Explore, and Engage with Nature-Based Inquiry <i>Emily Foster-Hill, FIELD Edventures</i> Session Materials: Connect, Explore and Engage with Nature-Based Inquiry Additional Resources
1:45-3:00 Breakout Sessions	Prioritizing for success: Aligning 4K and 5K standards in our Community <i>Susan Hellmers, Hudson Community 4K Coordinator; Houlton Elementary Principal</i> <i>Julie Betchkal, Wisconsin Pyramid Model Coordinator</i> Session Materials: Prioritizing for Success
	Passion Outdoors Panel <i>Lenore Wineberg, Ed. D., Early Childhood Professor Emeritus</i> <i>Kate Dennis, Executive Director, Fort Little Green Gardens</i> <i>Vicki Kingsbury, Teacher, Prairie Hill Waldorf School</i> <i>Jenny Sadak, Principal Coordinator & Educator KinderWild</i> <i>Amy Ester, Principal Coordinator & Educator, KinderWild</i> <i>Lisa Misky, Starns Early Childhood</i>

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	Welcome, Honor, and Connect.....Intentionally developing and sustaining relationships with families <i>Stephanie Lulich, WI State Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI) Family Engagement Coordinator</i> <i>Heidi Lehman, WSPEI Family Engagement Coordinator</i>
	Working with Children who are Gender Fluid and Their Families <i>Robin Fox, Interim Dean & Professor UW Whitewater</i>
	What could you do with a library of over 100 play videos in WI 4K and 5K classrooms? <i>Beth Graue, Director, Center for Research on ECE (CRECE)</i> <i>Jiyeon Lee, Ph.D. Candidate</i> <i>Daisy Chang, Graduate Student, CRECE</i> Session Materials: What would you do with a library of over 100 4K Videos on Play?
	Playing to Plan; Planning to Play <i>Missy Dieterich, Early Childhood Specialist</i>
	Everybody Started Out Small - Music in the EC Classroom <i>Stuart Stotts, Author, Musician, and Teaching Artist</i>
	Creating Intentional Play Experiences to Support Robust Learning Environments <i>Dr. Holly Gerlach, Educational Content Manager, LEGO Education</i> <i>Steven Weniger, Key Account Manager, LEGO Education</i>



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